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SUBJECT: CODEL STEVENSON

1. IN 40-HOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL ON LAST STOP OF TWO-WEEK TOUR OF SIX MIDDLE EAST NATIONS, SENATOR ADLAI E. STEVENSON AND LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT WILLIAM A. BUELL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR TOON IN MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN, FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON, AND DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES. CODEL ALSO TALKED WITH GERSHON SCHOCKEN, EDITOR OF HAARET; DAN HALPERIN OF BOYCOTT OFFICE IN FINANCE MINISTRY; AND PROFESSOR MORDECHAI ABIR OF TRUMAN INSTITUTE.

2. AMBASSADOR'S ASSESSMENT OF RABIN AND PERES REMARKS ON QUOTE END OF STATE OF WAR UNQUOTE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY. CODEL FELT RABIN HAD BEEN EVASIVE WHEN ASKED ABOUT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND GENERALLY INTRANSIGENT ON LARGER QUESTIONS CONCERNING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS.

3. IN MEETING WITH ALLON, DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON SADAT'S QUOTE SURVIVAL CHANCES UNQUOTE, SOVIET HEADWAY IN AFRICA, AND ISRAELI ATTITUDES RE NEGOTIATIONS. CODEL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT RESTLESS EGYPTIAN MILITARY, CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS IMPASSE, AND FLOUNDERING EGYPTIAN ECONOMY ARE MAKING SADAT'S POSITION UNTENABLE. ALLON SAID THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY ARE SATISFIED AND RELAXED, BLAMED IMPASSE ON ARABS, AND CHARGED THAT
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SAUDI ARABIA IS WILLING TO FINANCE ARMS BUT NOT DEVELOP-

MENT FOR EGYPT. ALLON CASTIGATED EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY FOR MAKING STATEMENTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR EFFECTS, AND IN PARTICULAR CITED FAHMY'S HAVING BEEN FIRST ARAB TO DENOUNCE SPAIN'S EFFORT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. ALLON SAID THAT SINAI II ACCORD REQUIRED EGYPT TO MITIGATE ANTI-ISRAELI PROPAGANDA. ALLON TICKED OFF AFRICAN COUNTRIES COMING UNDER RUSSIAN INFLUENCE. FRIENDS OF U.S. ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET ENCROACHMENT AND WESTERN WEAKNESS, HE SAID. ALLON SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT END-OF-BELLIGERENCY PROPOSAL WOULD OPEN WAY FOR NEW FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH INITIATIVES CAN DEVELOP, JUST AS GENEVA CONFERENCE HAD LAID GROUNDS FOR INTERIM AGREEMENTS. CODEL ASKED WHY ARABS SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO CONCEDE BELLIGERENCY WITHOUT RETURN OF WHAT THEY REGARD AS THEIR LANDS, TO WHICH ALLON REPLIED ARABS CANNOT GET LAND WITHOUT CONCESSIONS; THEY CANNOT TAKE LANDS BY FORCE; AND THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO DESTROY THEIR ARMIES WITHOUT RESULT. ALLON WAS NOT IMPRESSED WITH STEVENSON'S REPORT OF HIS TALK WITH ARAFAT AND ARAFAT'S ALLEGED WILLINGNESS TO MOVE TOWARD RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL IF LATTER FIRST MADE MORE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN GAZA AND WEST BANK. ALLON SAID ARABS USUALLY APPEAR REASONABLE IN PRIVATE TALKS BUT IT IS THEIR PUBLIC POSITION THAT IS CONTROLLING, AND PLO IS PUBLICLY DEDICATED TO DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL.

4. HAARETZ EDITOR SCHOCKEN: CODEL TOLD SCHOCKEN OF CONCERNS RAISED BY HIS VISITS IN FIVE ARAB COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR HOW HE FOUND ARAFAT TO BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON LESS DEMANDING TERMS THAN OTHER ARABS (ASSAD, IRAQIS). SCHOCKEN INDICATED THAT ISRAELIS LOOKED FOR PALESTINIAN SOLUTION ONLY WITHIN CONTEXT OF JORDANIAN SETTLEMENT. SCHOCKEN SAID THAT HE COULD NOT BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANGES IN ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICIES, ALTHOUGH HE DID BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL MIGHT HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT INTERNALLY.

5. DAN HALPERIN: CODEL TOLD HALPERIN THAT HE SAW LITTLE POSSIBILITY FOR LEGISLATION PROSCRIBING SECONDARY BOYCOTT PRACTICES (I.E., BY PROHIBITING PUBLIC FUNDS TO AMERICAN COMPANIES WHO TRADE WITH COUNTRIES THAT USE BOYCOTTS).
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CODEL SAID THAT MEASURES WOULD BE ADOPTED AGAINST TERTIARY BOYCOTT TO PREVENT US FIRMS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST OTHER FIRMS WHO TRADE WITH ISRAEL. TERTIARY BOYCOTT MEASURE MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED BY AMENDMENT TO EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT.

6. MORDECHAI ABIR: ABIR (TRUMAN INSTITUTE SPECIALIST ON PERSIAN GULF) EXPRESSED ALARM AT RATE OF ARMS GROWTH

IN PERSIAN GULF NATIONS. HE SAID US IS SUPPLYING ARAB COUNTRIES WITH MOST SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY, WHICH ARABS ARE STOCKPILING. EGYPT IS SEEKING TO BUY US-MADE C-130'S TO TRANSPORT STOCKPILED ARMS IN EVENT OF NEW HOSTILITIES. ABIR CONTRADICTED PENTAGON AND OTHER REPORTS THAT RUSSIA HAS NOT SUPPLIED EGYPT WITH SUBSTANTIAL NEW ARMS, CITING 400 NEW TANKS, MANY AIR DEFENSE MISSILES, AND SOME SCUDS. HE CLAIMED THAT SAUDI ARABIA IS FINANCING MASSIVE ARAB BUILD-UP OF HELICOPTERS, PLANES, TANKS, MISSILES AND ARTILLERY, AND SAID THAT ISRAEL'S ACCEPTABLE DEFENSE RATIO OF 1-3 IS FAST DISAPPEARING.
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